Jerry Denbo

Assistant Majority Caucus Chairman

District 62



Dear Friends:

The short session of the legislature will begin soon and will continue through mid-March.

I anticipate we will discuss a number of important issues, including tax restruc-

turing, health care and various concerns related to terrorism. It will be an extremely busy period given the number of complex legislative matters that we will consider.

Lt. Governor Joe Kernan recently unveiled the results of a study that examined Indiana's tax system. This group has introduced a proposal to substantially change the current system, which I have detailed in the space to the right.

I hope you will take time to answer the questions included in the survey below and return it to me at the Statehouse. It is important for me to gauge the opinions of people in our district on these matters. I assure you that each survey will be reviewed and your remarks considered.

Please contact me if you have additional thoughts or concerns related to state government. You can reach my office at H62@in.gov or by calling toll-free at 1-800-382-9842.

Thanks for your help, and may God be with you.

Tax restructuring tops legislative agenda

E fforts to protect taxpayers from the severe impact of a court-ordered reassessment will undoubtedly be the focus of legislative activity during the upcoming session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Bipartisan discussions have been led by Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan with assistance from a number of fiscal experts across the state. This group recently revealed the results of an intensive study of the tax structure and recommended several changes that

mended several changes that would better prepare Indiana for the future.

In the end, we want to take steps to ensure that shifts in revenue are fairly distributed among individuals, homeowners, busi-

nesses and farmers. This must be accomplished not only under some exceptionally difficult economic conditions but also under the watchful eye of the court system, which has mandated some fundamental and far-reaching changes in Indiana's current tax system.

While it is true that the urgency of the tax restructuring process is heightened by recent

court decisions, the continuing efforts to bring greater fairness to Indiana's tax structure have been under way for some time. The current dis-



Rep. Denbo discusses legislation with Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan.

cussion has its roots in a long debate over

how best to accomplish a single goal: to help Hoosier workers and their families keep more of what they earn.

This plan attempts to accomplish that goal along with ensuring that all of us are afforded the

proper levels of public safety in terms of police and fire protection as well as economic and educational opportunities for all of the citizens of Indiana.

Several of the questions below have to do with the restructuring plan. I encourage you to contact me with related questions or comments.

Stay informed with online legislative updates

Help Hoosier workers

and their families keep

more of what they earn

There are several ways to stay in touch with the Statehouse during session. A good place to begin is at www.in.gov, our state Website.

You can track the progress of particular bills as they make their way through the legislative process, and stay informed of any public hearings that you may want to attend. You should also be able to find answers to questions about a particular agency or state office online.

I encourage you to visit my Website at www.in.gov/R62. I'll post news about the bills that I'm working on and other items of interest to our district. You may also request several House publications which are available through my office.

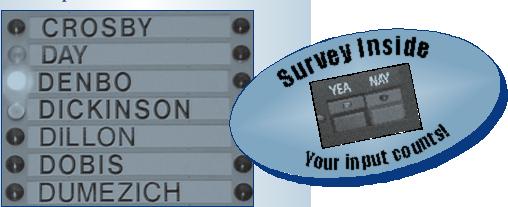
Feel free to call my legislative office at 1-800-382-9842. I hope that you will make an effort to contact me during this session and throughout the year as we work to improve our state.

Please cut here and mail to Representative Denbo, or visit www.in.gov/R62 to complete the survey online.

2002 Legislative Survey		Comments	
We ask that you and a second person in your household answer the following questions by filling in the corresponding circle. Include any written comments in the space provided. Thank you! Respondent One Respondent Two			
1. Do you support my legislation that deals with businesses that engage in price gouging during a national emergency or crisis?	1. • Yes • No	O Yes O No	
2. Would you support creation of a franchise or earnings tax to ensure that businesses pay their fair share of any tax restructuring plan?	2. • Yes • No	O Yes O No	
3. Do you believe it is the responsibility of state or local government to pay public welfare costs?	3. O State O Local	O State O Local	
4. Would you prefer to see the state cut spending rather than increase taxes, even if such a move causes a reduction in critical services?	4. • Yes • No	O Yes O No	
5. Would you support increases in sales or income taxes to offset reductions in property taxes?	5. Yes O No	O Yes O No	
6. Would you support flexible boarding / dockside gaming if it resulted in additional revenue to reduce the burden on local property taxes?	6.O Yes O No	O Yes O No	
7. Do you support casino gaming in French Lick and West Baden as a means of restoring the historic hotels and reviving a dying economy?	7. • Yes • No	O Yes O No	
8. Should the state consider anti-terrorism legislation?	8. Yes O No	O Yes O No	

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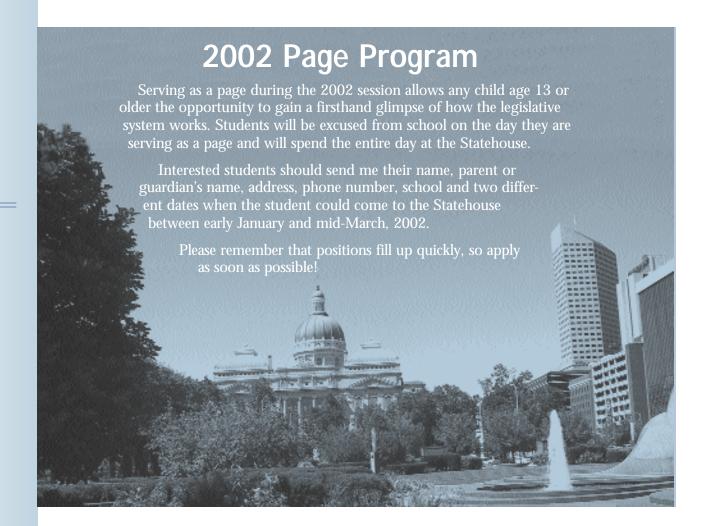


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